

Mar. 31, 2017

ASIRT investigating Edmonton Police Service officer-involved shooting

On Mar. 30, 2017, the Alberta Serious Incident Response Team (ASIRT) was directed by the Director of Law Enforcement to investigate circumstances surrounding an Edmonton Police Service (EPS) officer-involved shooting injuring a 35-year-old man.

Yesterday, at approximately 6 p.m., EPS officers were investigating an allegation of threats against the EPS.

EPS officers identified the man suspected of making the threats operating a motor vehicle in northeast Edmonton and proceeded to follow him. After briefly losing sight of the vehicle, officers came upon the vehicle, now parked, and noticed that the vehicle was unoccupied. Officers looked for the driver and located the man, on foot, in the area of 128 Avenue and 54 Street. An encounter occurred that resulted in an officer discharging his police service weapon, injuring the man, who then fell to the ground. Officers immediately provided emergency medical care and upon the arrival of Emergency Medical Services, the man was treated and transported to hospital where he underwent surgery. He remains in stable condition.

ASIRT's investigation will focus on the conduct of police and the circumstances surrounding the officer's use of force.

EPS will maintain conduct of their investigation into the actions of the man to determine if he engaged in any criminal conduct.

As ASIRT's investigation is ongoing, no further information will be released at this time.

ASIRT's mandate is to effectively, independently, and objectively investigate incidents involving Alberta's police that have resulted in serious injury or death to any person, as well as serious or sensitive allegations of police misconduct.

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